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Hastings Wants a Change.

Governor Gives His Views on the Distribution of the School Fund.

The views of Governor Hastings on the treasury situation and appropriations, with special reference to the school appropriation, were emphatically expressed in an address of welcome at the convention of the State association of school directors in the supreme court room. "I see some members of the legislature in this meeting," said the governor, "and I want to take advantage of the opportunity to say to them that the state of Pennsylvania is big enough and rich enough to provide liberally for the education of every child within its borders.

"The present system of distributing the school appropriation of \$5,500,000," added the governor, "is not fair to the real interests involved. The number of taxables is not the proper basis. Each school house with its appliances cost about as much, whether attended by ten or fifty pupils. If the state appropriation was increased to \$6,000,000 a year I would suggest that one-third of that amount should be divided on the number of school houses or teachers, one-third according to the number of school children and the other third, possibly, as at present, on the number of taxables. The country boys and girls should be given the same advantages as those of the city. I believe that every township should have a high school. That is the law in Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania should not be behind that state."

The association convened Wednesday. H. H. Hubbert, of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive committee, responded to the governor's address. State Superintendent Schaeffer followed with an address on "School Administration." D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, opened a discussion on the "Operation of the Compulsory Education Attendance Law," in which many directors took part.

There was a large attendance at the evening session. The exercises opened with a discussion of "Should There be a State University?" Professor Robert Ellis Thompson and George E. Wagner, of Philadelphia, were the principal speakers. The question "Should the State Control and Publish School Text Books?" was discussed by William McGeorge, Jr., I. A. Cleaver and M. G. Brumbaugh.

Building a Capitol.

The "Central bimetallic league" of Reading submits a proposition to the general assembly relative to provision for rebuilding the capitol. It proposes that the "artisans" to work on the building be employed by the public buildings commission—as agents of the state—and these be paid by "voucher issued by the commonwealth solely for the erection of the capitol, and being made receivable by the state treasurer in taxes and all other debts due and payable to the state, would at once be exchangeable as a commercial tender, at least for all business within the state boundary lines." It proposes that materials be paid for in the same way.

Admitting that this could be done, we do not see what would be accomplished thereby. As the "voucher" would be at once redeemable by the state, the treasury would have to be prepared with a redemption fund provided by taxation. Of course it is not intended that the "voucher" shall be redeemed but shall continue "exchangeable as a commercial tender" until worn to pieces, that is a different matter.

But the scheme could not be considered for a moment. The constitution of the United States prohibits a state from "emitting bills of credit" or "making anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." Our esteemed Reading bimetallics must resolve again. Or get the constitution changed.—Ex.

The Democrats of Steelton, near Harrisburg, are very jubilant over the election of a Democratic Mayor, it being one of the Republican strongholds of the county. The fight has been bitterly waged ever since the primaries were held.

A Fixed Committee.

There will be no surprise at the make up of the so-called treasury investigating committee. The best ability of the officers appointing the committee was exerted to produce something over which Senator Quay could not quibble. Indeed it is safe to guess that any danger of quibbling from the Beaver senator was shrewdly avoided by such action as would provide against that prior to the naming of the committee. There will be no investigation.

Of course, what we have said does not apply to the Democratic members. Messrs. Lennon and Kerr may be earnest and adroit enough but they will be so completely overshadowed by the majority that any efforts they make to discover will be fruitless.

We question if the Wanamaker or combine people themselves had any earnest feeling in this matter. They seem to have studiously pursued plans to avoid Democratic assistance from the first. The bluster they made a few weeks ago about continuing the fight appears to have been only for a little temporary effect. Unless they give some proof pretty soon that they mean fight we must conclude that their reform schemes are made of the same stuff as Quay's and meant solely for selfish ends.—Patriot.

W. J. Bryan Wins a Fight.

The Courts Twice Decide an Injunction in His Favor.

The somewhat celebrated gold bond injunction, in which W. J. Bryan, as plaintiff, sought to restrain the Mayor and City Council, of Lincoln, Neb., from delivering \$534,000 refunding bonds, with a gold clause attached, to ex-City Treasurer Stephenson, was on Tuesday decided by the Supreme Court of that state, and Mr. Bryan's position was sustained.

Nearly two years ago a proposition to vote bonds was submitted and carried by a bare majority. The City Council contracted for their purchase with Stephenson, who insisted on a gold clause, which was allowed.

Mr. Bryan enjoined the sale on the ground that the bonds were illegally carried, and further that the city charter prohibited discrimination between gold and currency bonds.

District Judge Holmes decided in his favor, and the City Council appealed. The Supreme Court affirms the decision of the lower Court, laying stress on the fact that the bonds were illegally declared carried, but remaining silent on the gold clause feature.

Smith Must go to Jail.

Superior Court Decides Against the Aged Columbia Banker.

The judgment of the lower court in the case of E. K. Smith, the defaulting Columbia banker, was affirmed by the superior court at Williamsport on Monday.

Smith was prosecuted a year ago for receiving deposits, knowing himself to be insolvent. He was convicted in the lower court and a special allocatur was granted to review his case in the superior court, the principal ground for the appeal being a defect in the summoning of the grand jury to a special term. The affirmation of the case by the superior court remands the defendant to the court of quarter sessions to have the sentence of the court carried into effect. The sentence was that he pay a fine of \$66.66 and be imprisoned in the Eastern penitentiary for one year and two months.

The court refused the application of J. G. Haymaker, district attorney of Allegheny county, made last week for re-argument in the case of W. H. House, the defaulting assistant city attorney of Pittsburg. The court also refused to certify the same to the supreme court.

Over a Billion.

The first "billion dollar congress" will be left far behind when the total amount carried by the appropriation bills of the present congress is figured up, and the figures will be found to be far in excess of any expenditures ever voted by a single congress in time of peace. Speaker Reed and the leaders on the appropriations committee in the house of representatives are doing all in their power to keep the total down as close to \$1,000,000,000 as possible, but this figure will be exceeded by at least \$20,000,000, and possibly by more than \$40,000,000.—New York Herald.

Gallows for a Rich Man.

After three years of one of the strongest fights ever made by wealth against the courts, Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the great millionaire, was hanged Tuesday afternoon at Union, Mo., for the murder of his young wife and two year old child. The condemned man has had the counsel of the best criminal lawyers that money could procure. Ex-Governor Johnson pleaded for his life, but to no avail. He died protesting his innocence. His health is estimated at over 3,000,000. He belonged to one of the oldest and best known families in the state.

Unworthy Even the Name of Jingo.

"Well-constituted Jingo usually delight to pose as exaggerated species of patriots who believe that their nation is the strongest in war and the wisest in peace of all the peoples of the world. The opponents of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty have shown that, even measured by Jingo standards, their patriotism is pinhead. A favorite argument of these sham Jingos against the treaty is that for generations past, and in instance after instance, Great Britain has got the better of us in diplomacy.

The utter falsity of this assertion will appear from the list of arbitrations between the United States and other powers, which Senator Sherman laid before the Senate several days ago. The list, which by the way is not complete, includes thirty-eight cases, fifteen of which, or nearly one-half, were arbitrations between this country and Great Britain. Of five arbitrations relating to territory between the years 1794 and 1827 the decision in one case was waived by mutual consent, and in the other four the awards were favorable to the United States. Of the whole number of thirty-eight cases included in Senator Sherman's list, only five, and none of them important, fell through. Of thirty cases in which awards were carried into effect, only six were decided adversely to the contentions of the United States. Four cases were submitted to arbitration under the treaty of Washington, of which the most momentous—that relating to the Alabama claims—resulted in a verdict against Great Britain. The decisions on the fisheries and on the civil war claims were unfavorable to our views; but the decision of the German Emperor on the San Juan boundary controversy was entirely in accord with our contention. On the whole the record shows that so far as the United States are concerned arbitrations have resulted favorably not only in the large majority but in the more important of the cases submitted. Instead of getting the better of us, Great Britain has, with very few exceptions, come off second best in her controversies with this country.

The obstructionists who have stooped to the denigration of their country in order to find arguments against the pending Anglo-American arbitration treaty are unworthy even the name of Jingo."—Record.

Each has His Torment.

A Preacher Talks on "Hell" and Draws a Picture.

"Hell" was one of the topics of Rev. C. H. Eaton's morning sermon at the Church of the Divine Paternity, New York, on Sunday. He said that the hell pictured by the early philosophers, painters and writers was but a mild sketch of the real hell. The various forms of immoralities produce certain conditions in the soul and consigned the individual into a hell self-made worse a thousand-fold than any hell ever written or printed. Drunkenness, lewdness and other vile habits all resulted in personal hells for those who transgressed the divine laws.

The Universalist church, Dr. Eaton said, was not built upon any false ideas of sentimentality. Hell was a condition. "The demons of hell" walk up and down our avenues and streets," said the doctor. "They are in our very drawing rooms, waiting for the chance to entice us.

Dr. Eaton said that intemperance, lewdness and the opium habit were evils more common to-day than ever before in the history of the world. Each urchin had his hell. Each was suffering the tortures of damnation, the pains of which were rendered doubly cruel by the inner consciousness that each had been self-damned.

The object of hell, Dr. Eaton said, was reformation, so that the child of God might be reclaimed.

It is said that people in love do lots of making up without quarreling, and lots of quarreling after marriage without making up.

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WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County an appeal from the settlement of the County Auditors for the year 1895, in which it is alleged that the County Commissioners for that year, to wit, 1895, overpaid J. B. McHenry, sheriff of said county, the sum of \$331.60 for boarding prisoners, over and above the amount allowed by law. AND WHEREAS the County Auditors for the year 1896 have surcharged the County Commissioners of that year, to wit, 1896, with the sum of \$187.00, being the amount alleged to have been overpaid the said sheriff for the boarding of prisoners from January 1st, 1896 to May 1st, 1896.

AND WHEREAS the County Auditors for the year 1896 have surcharged said Commissioners with the sum of \$6.90 alleged to have been improperly paid by them to the said sheriff for drawing talismen. AND WHEREAS the said County Auditors have also surcharged the said Commissioners for the year 1896 with the sum of \$28.00, alleged to have been improperly paid by said Commissioners to the said sheriff for drawing jurors and filling jury wheel.

AND WHEREAS, in order to correct and amend such alleged improper payments, if the same are improper, the County Commissioners for 1896 retained and withheld from the said sheriff the sum of \$580.00, being the amount due the said sheriff for boarding prisoners from May 1st, 1896, to December 31st, 1896; said sum so retained being \$26.50 in excess of the sum alleged to have been improperly paid said sheriff, as aforesaid.

Now therefore, you are hereby notified not to pay to the said J. B. McHenry, sheriff, or to anyone for him, the sum of \$580.00, so as aforesaid retained, without first retaining and deducting therefrom the following sums; provided the same are determined to have been improperly paid to said sheriff:

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| Over payment for boarding during 1895 | \$331 60 |
| Over payment for boarding, January 1, 1896, to May 1, 1896 | 187 00 |
| Payment for drawing jurors and filling jury wheel | 28 00 |
| Payment for drawing talismen | 6 90 |
| | \$533 50 |

You are further notified that the said ex-Commissioners, to wit, J. G. Swank, G. M. Ikeler and W. H. Utt, will inside of 60 days from the date of filing the said report of the County Auditors for the year 1896, enter an appeal in the Court of Common Pleas of said county, appealing from the surcharges above set forth.

J. G. SWANK, G. M. IKELER, W. H. UTT

Tours to California via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next California tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman palace cars February 24, visiting the great Mammoth Cave and stopping at New Orleans during the Mardi Gras Carnival. Four weeks will be allowed on the Pacific Coast, and two days will be spent on the return trip at Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods. Stops will also be made at Salt Lake City, Denver, and Omaha. This is one of the most delightful and complete tours ever planned.

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